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not obtained for the use of the Elementary School Building. The Harijans and others who had gathered in front of the building dispersed after tea and refreshment had been served to them."

11-20 a.m. Sri K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" Sir, may I know whether the Government have issued any instructions to the Special Officer, District Board, Malabar, that previous permission should be sought by school authorities for the holding of Harijan meetings in schools and school buildings? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir, instructions have since been issued."

Sri O. KORAN :—" Are the Government aware, Sir, that Harijan Day is not observed generally in all places and if so, will the Government be pleased to enforce the holding of Harijan Days and also issue instructions to officers concerned? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, we are getting reports from the Collectors that Harijan Days are observed in almost all districts. If in any particular place the Harijan Day is not observed, the Government will go into the question, if such instances are brought to their notice."

Sri S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, is it a fact that for purposes of celebrating the Harijan Day in village influential and rich persons are approached for contributions? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Sir, all persons belonging to all communities are expected to take part in this function arranged for the purpose of removal of untouchability."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" ஹரிஜன தினங்கள் கொண்டாடுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் எவ்வளவு தொகை செலவு செய்கிறார்கள் ? அப்படி செலவழிக்கப்படும் தொகையினால் ஏற்படக்கூடிய பலன் என்ன என்பதை சர்க்கார் ஆராய்ச்சி செய்திருக்கிறார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir. Only a few rupees are spent for distributing sweets, etc., to children. The amount is collected from the local people without any coercion or force."

*Allotment out of Handloom Cess Fund for weaving cumbly and blanket.*

* 125 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have allotted any sum towards cumbly and blanket weaving out of the Handloom Cess Fund?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No allotment has so far been made for the purpose mentioned in the question."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள், இதற்கு 'செஸ் பண்டி' லிருந்து பணம் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டிருப்பதாகச் சென்ற அசெம்பிளி கூட்டத்தில் சொன்னார்கள். இப்போது 'இல்லை' என்று சொல்லுகிறார்கள். இனிமேலாவது ஒதுக்கப்படுமா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have stated that no allotment has so far been made. This is under discussion with the Government of India, Sir."

*Drainage Scheme for Cuddalore.*

* 126 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) the estimated cost of the comprehensive drainage scheme evolved for the whole Cuddalore Municipality; and

(b) the approximate date by which the drainage scheme will be taken up for execution?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No investigation has yet been conducted for the scheme and hence the estimated cost is not available.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government have received any representation from the municipality regarding the scheme? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, representation may have come from the Cuddalore Municipality. But these schemes are taken up in the order of priority assigned to these municipalities by the Water-supply and Drainage Committee."

*Admission of students in the Government Colleges.*

* 127 Q.—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the expenses for maintaining all the Government Colleges in the State in the year 1953–54;

(b) the number of students admitted in them in that year; and

(c) whether any percentage of seats was given to the Scheduled Castes in each Government college in the City during 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a), (b) & (c) The time and labour involved in collecting the information required for answering the question is not commensurate with the public interest served."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" Sir, அமைச்சர் கூறியதில் விளக்கம் தெரியவில்லை. என்றாலும், ஹரிஜன மாணவர்கள் கவர்ன்மெண்ட் காலேஜ்களிலுள்ள ஹாஸ்டல்களில் எத்தனைபேர் அனுமதிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறார்கள்? அப்படி அனுமதிக்கப்படுகிற மாணவர்களிடமிருந்து caution fees என்று எவ்வளவு தொகை வசூலிக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறது என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."